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Sarah Munby, Permanent Secretary

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**Energy Price Guarantee (Domestic)**

Dear Permanent Secretary,

Thank you for your letter of 29 September.

I agree with your assessment that the introduction of the Energy Price Guarantee (EPG) is necessary if domestic consumers are not to be faced with intolerable energy costs which would risk driving many families into poverty, putting at risk their health and inflicting untold damage on our economy. As you set out, the EPG is a central component of the Government's wider package of support on the cost of living. Like you I am proud of our Department's work to implement the EPG and provide vital protection to billpayers as we head into the winter months.

I am grateful for your carefully considered assessment of the scheme from an Accounting Officer perspective. I note the risks that you outline and also the steps that we are taking as a Department to mitigate those risks as much as possible. I recognise that given the scale of the intervention and the speed with which it has been developed, that you are unable to provide me with full assurance that this proposal meets your obligations under Managing Public Money.

I am clear in my view that we must nevertheless proceed to implement the EPG this October as we have been planning to do. As such, I am formally directing you as Accounting Officer to continue to implement the EPG scheme, including the associated support schemes, in both Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

I am copying this letter to the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, the Chairman of the BEIS Select Committee, the Comptroller and Auditor General and the Treasury Officer of Accounts, and note that your letter and this reply will be published once you judge that the need to maintain confidentiality has fallen away.

Yours sincerely,